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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION REGARDING PRIOR OFFICE ACTION
AND SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT FORMAL DRAWING

Sir:

Applicants received a communication from the Patent and Trademark Office mailed September 19, 2005, in which it was stated that the Amendment filed on July 11, 2005, was not fully responsive because it did not make all of the drawing corrections required. More specifically, the response was found incomplete because the drawings were not amended to include reference sign "1" in Figure 1.

Applicants submit herewith a replacement sheet for Figure 1 in which reference sign "1" has been added to identify the photosensitive drum as referred to on page 10 of

the specification. Acceptance of the replacement sheet and withdrawal of Notice of Incomplete Response is respectfully sought.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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